NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ITS-NH-ITSN(20) D4 Overhead DMS; C.N. 42702

Identified as *D4 OVERHEAD DMS*, the proposed project is a continuing effort to deploy Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices along NDOR's transportation facilities. This project would include installing one new Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) system in NDOR District 4.

The DMS system would be located above the northbound lane of U.S. Highway 81 (US-81) at approximately MM 0+48 in Thayer County, Chester, Nebraska.

The purpose of this project is to enable traffic managers to disseminate traffic information to the traveling public regarding weather conditions, construction work, and activation of alternate routing. This project is needed for the efficient use of NDOR's roadway system.

The planned construction would consist of the installation of electrical pull boxes, trenching or boring of electrical conduit, construction of new overhead sign structure, and installation of the DMS system. Additional improvements include new guard rail protection on the outside edge of the existing pavement and in the median. Overhead sign structure work would include foundation construction.

This project would not require the acquisition of additional property rights. Construction activities would be within NDOR right-of-way (ROW). No environmental impacts are anticipated.

Construction would begin in 2015. This project would require overnight closures of the existing roadway and would require detouring US-81 traffic; a designated detour would be provided, utilizing North Railway Street, Meridian Road, and Nebraska Highway 8 (N-8). These overnight closures and detour are anticipated to not exceed three days, and would be required to raise the sign structure and to install the DMS onto the structure.

NDOR understands that roadway construction may cause temporary inconvenience and hardships, but we are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system. With your help we can achieve this goal.

Any questions or comments regarding this project should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402)479-4871, TDD telephone (402)479-3834, Fax (402)479-3989. Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at www.roads.nebraska.gov/ projects/ by clicking on the "D4 Overhead DMS" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer, (308)385-6265, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov

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